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In re application of:

DANIEL T. COLBERT et al.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
BORON NITRIDE COATINGS AND  
FIBERS AND COMPOSITIONS THEREOF

Art Unit: 1775

Examiner: Turner, Archene A.

CITATION OF PRIOR ART

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Dear Sir:

In regards to the above-identified application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider each relevant prior art listed below:

A. Publication Article "Morphological Modeling of Atomic Force Microscopy Imaging Including Nanostructure Probes and Fibrinogen Molecules" written by D.L. Wilson et al, pages 2407-2416, published by American Vacuum Society in July 1996 in the U.S., being accompanied by a copy of Web page of American Vacuum Society showing that the Article was published in July, 1996;

B. Publication Article "Unraveling Nanotubes: Field Emission From an Atomic Wire" written by A.G. Rinzier et al, pages 1550-1553 in *SCIENCE* magazine and published on September 15, 1995 in the U.S.; and

C. Publication Article "Morphological Restoration of Atomic Force Microscopy Images" written by David L. Wilson, et al, pages 265-272, published by American Chemical Society in 1995 in the U.S.

The prior art A discloses the use of tip end of a minute or very small probe, which is made of nanotubes and Backy tubes or balls, in an atomic force microscopy (AMF) for executing

AMF scanning. For measured electron-beam deposited carbon probes,  $B \approx 0.015 \text{ nm}^{-1}$  is determined in this prior art as discussed on pages 2409 and 2410.

The prior art B discloses a multi-layer (multiwalled) carbon nanotube attached to the stalk made of a plurality of other nanotubes with its tip end projecting out as seen from Fig. 1 on page 1550 and Fig. 3 on page 1552. The attachment of the nanotube to the stalk is made by Van Der Waals (vdW) forces.

The prior art C discloses on pages 268 and 269 ultra-sharp carbon spikes grown on top of silicon nitride pyramid tips. The carbon spikes are grown by first soaking the entire cantilever assembly in acetone and then exposing the apex of the  $\text{Si}_3\text{N}_4$  tip to a stationary focused beam for two minutes. In other words, the prior art C discloses a needle-like carbon spike grown to project on a silicon nitride pyramid.

In view of the above, it is respectfully requested that the above prior art be entered and considered.

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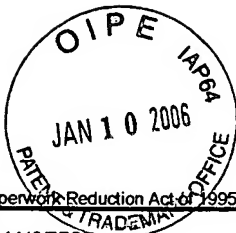
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